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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting cities and counties from banning specific
2 dog breeds.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.301, subsection 6, Code 2021, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. (1) A county shall not adopt or
4 enforce an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment that
5 bans a person from owning a specific breed of dog, including
6 through an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment based
7 on physical, behavioral, or genetic features that in effect
8 would ban a person from owning a specific breed of dog. For
9 purposes of this paragraph, "dog" means a domestic dog or the
10 offspring of a domestic dog and a wolf, or the offspring from
11 each subsequent generation in which at least one parent is a
12 domestic dog.

13 (2) An ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment adopted
14 prior to the effective date of this Act that violates this
15 paragraph is void and unenforceable on and after the effective
16 date of this Act.

17 Sec. 2. Section 364.3, subsection 3, Code 2021, is amended
18 by adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. (1) A city shall not adopt or enforce an
20 ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment that bans a person
21 from owning a specific breed of dog, including through an
22 ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment based on physical,
23 behavioral, or genetic features that in effect would ban a
24 person from owning a specific breed of dog. For purposes of
25 this paragraph, "dog" means a domestic dog or the offspring of a
26 domestic dog and a wolf, or the offspring from each subsequent
27 generation in which at least one parent is a domestic dog.

28 (2) An ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment adopted
29 prior to the effective date of this Act that violates this
30 paragraph is void and unenforceable on and after the effective
31 date of this Act.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill prohibits cities and counties from adopting or

1 enforcing an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment that
2 bans a person from owning a specific breed of dog, including
3 through an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment based
4 on physical, behavioral, or genetic features that in effect
5 would ban a person from owning a specific breed of dog. The
6 bill defines "dog" to mean a domestic dog or the offspring of a
7 domestic dog and a wolf, or the offspring from each subsequent
8 generation in which at least one parent is a domestic dog. An
9 ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment adopted prior to
10 the effective date of the bill that violates the prohibition
11 is void and unenforceable on and after the effective date of
12 the bill.